

EXHIBIT 12  
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HB 433

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TO: HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RE: HB 433, G. BENNETT, EXEMPT WATER WELLS

Montana Smart Growth Coalition opposes HB 433.

Would it make sense to exempt certain small appropriations from the state budget process? No, of course not. It would result in a flood of small exempt appropriations that, taken altogether, could have a significant impact on the state budget.

That is why HB 433 should not pass. Continuation of "exempt wells" ignores the cumulative effect on water resources and continues to subsidize inefficient development patterns that cost local governments, school districts, and taxpayers more to provide basic public services.